RELIEF AND IMPROVEMENT (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 December 1847;—*for*,

STATEMENT "showing the Sums which have been voted by Parliament since the 1st day of August 1846, for Extraordinary Expenditure in *Ireland*, for the Purposes of Relief and Improvement, and the Amount of the Sums which have been expended and remain to be expended."

Acts.	Description.	Amount voted	Amount expended	Remains to be expended.	General Observations.
		£	£	£	
9 & 10 Vict. c. 107 -	Labour Relief - - - - -	4,814,000	4,814,000	—	
10 & 11 Vict. c. 7 & 22	Food, Relief and Fever Hospitals (not exceeding) - - - - -	2,200,000	1,678,050	—	-- £. 31,052 has been actually advanced to parties up to 27 November 1847, but applications have been received to the amount of £ 1,783,000, and Loans have been sanctioned to the amount of £ 448,000.
10 & 11 Vict. c. 32 -	Land Improvement - - - -	1,500,000	31,052	1,468,948	
10 & 11 Vict. c. 73 -	Railroads - - - - - -	620,000	339,000	281,000	The whole appropriated, and will be expended by the 5th July 1848
10 & 11 Vict. c. 75 -	Fishing Piers - - - - -	40,000	- - -	40,000	-- Partly appropriated, and will be expended when the grant of £ 50,000, of the preceding Session, has been exhausted The Board of Works are now building, or have plans in course of preparation for, 72 Fishery Piers.
	Loss on Commissariat operations -	280,000	280,000	- - -	-- This is the loss which appeared on the statement of the last Account, but the ultimate loss cannot be ascertained until the whole of the stores of corn have been disposed of, and the Account finally closed.
	Donations to Relief Committees by order of the Lord Lieutenant -	130,000	130,000	—	
	Sums advanced to certain Boards of Guardians, to enable them to keep the Workhouses open - - -	- - -	23,500	—	
	Sums appropriated for Loans for District Drainage, and other Works -	373,500	215,500	158,000	The whole will be expended before the 31st March.
	Works of Navigation connected with Drainage - - - - -	38,500	- - -	38,500	-- These works will proceed with the District Drainages, with which they are connected, but the issues on this vote will not commence until the vote of £ 35,000, of the preceding year, is exhausted, of which £ 15,000 has been issued
	Expense of the Extraordinary Staff of the Board of Works, and of the Relief Commission - - - - -	310,000	277,000	33,000	-- This vote will not be sufficient to defray these expenses up to 31 March 1848.
	£	10,342,500	7,816,552	2,016,448	

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers,
2 December 1847.

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